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Letter dated 3 February 1992 from the Chairman of the forty-eighth session of the Commission on Human Rights to the President of the Economic and Social Council

I have the honour to address you, on behalf of the officers of the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-eighth session, on an issue of considerable importance to the efficiency of the Commission's activities.

As you are aware, the timetable of the Economic and Social Council for 1992 has been reorganized, combining the spring and summer sessions into a single session scheduled to take place at New York from 29 June to 31 July 1992. The Council is to approve the mandates of the working groups and special rapporteurs or representatives extended or newly established by the Commission in the course of its current session. If this has to wait until the regular session in 1992, such approval can be given by the Economic and Social Council only at the end of July. Consequently, the working groups and special rapporteurs and representatives will not be in a position to discharge effectively the tasks assigned to them by the Commission, particularly when they need to report on their activities to the General Assembly at its next session.

My colleagues the officers of the Commission and I should be grateful if you could envisage the possibility of bringing forward the consideration and approval of these mandates to the organizational session of the Council which is to take place at New York on 29 and 30 April 1992. It would indeed be desirable for such draft decisions emanating from the present session of the Commission and requiring approval by the Economic and Social Council to be considered at the April session in order that they can be implemented promptly and effectively.

I should be grateful if this issue could be given favourable consideration at the next organizational session of the Council.

(Signed) Pál SOLT
Chairman of the forty-eighth session
of the Commission on Human Rights